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1. PLENARY FINISHED FIRST READING OF OSLO REPORT BY

TAKING FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) ALL STATES DEFERRED TO CONFERENCE;

(B) RESERVATIONS DEFERRED TO CONFERENCE;

(C) ENTRY INTO FORCE. TEXT ACCEPTED AND FORWARDED
TO CONFERENCE WITH NOTE ADDED BY CANADA RAISING QUESTION
WHETHER PROVISION SHOULD BE RETAINED WHICH INDICATES
CONVENTION WILL NOT ENTER INTO FORCE IF IT DOES NOT DO
SO WITHIN (X) TIME.

(D) AMENDMENTS. JAPANESE PRESENTED PAPER ARGUING
THAT ASSEMBLY ACTION ON AMENDMENTS TO CONVENTION SHOULD
NOT BE CONTINGENT ON AFFIRMATIVE COUNCIL DECISION.
LENGTHY DISCUSSION INCONCLUSIVE. DISCUSSION OF U.S. SUG-
GESTION RE AMENDMENTS TO OPERATING AGREEMENT DEFERRED
UNTIL TOMORROW.

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(E) DEPMISITARY ARTICLES IN BOTH AGREEMENTS.

PARA (G) ADDED RE OTHER COMMUNICATIONS. TEXT ACCEPTED.

(F) LANGUAGES. PROTECTED DISCUSSION WHETHER CONVENTION SHOULD SPECIFY OFFICIAL AND WORKING LANGUAGES. NO CONCLUSION REACHED.

(G) ARTICLES IN OPERATING AGREEMENT ACCEPTED.

(H) PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES PROTOCOL. FORWARDED TO CONFERENCE ON UNDERSTANDING NOT FORMALLY CONSIDERED BY ISWG. ALL COUNTRIES' POSITION THEREBY RESERVED ON WHOLE TEXT.

(I) DISPUTES ARTICLES AND ANNEX. LENGTHY DISCUSSION RE RELATION THESE ARTICLES TO WITHDRAWAL ARTICLES. NO CONCLUSIONS REACHED.

2. PLENARY SPENT AFTERNOON CONSIDERING ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL FUNCTIONS. ASSEMBLY DEBATE CENTERED ON 4-POWER TEXT (MEXICO, EGYPT, TURKEY, NIGERIA) WHICH WOULD BROADEN ASSEMBLY POWERS. NO CONCLUSIONS REACHED. MAJORITY, HOWEVER, CITED PRACTICAL ARGUMENT AGAINST EACH OF LDC PROPOSALS. COUNCIL POWERS DISCUSSION WAS MINIMAL. EUROPEANS AND U.S. INTRODUCED JOINT TEXT - BASED HEAVILY ON ORIGINAL U.S. TEXT - WHICH SEEMS TO MEET WITH GENERAL ACCEPTANCE.

3. WORKING GROUP ON FINANCIAL QUESTIONS CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON LONG-TERM INVESTMENT FORMULA WITH PREPONDERANCE OF DELS FAVORING SWEDISH FORMULA DESPITE ANOTHER STRONG STATEMENT BY LIBERIA THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE THE TEN PERCENT ALLOCATED TO IT BY THAT FORMULA AND WIDESPREAD RECOGNITION THAT REDISTRIBUTION OF LIBERIAN AND PERHAPS OTHER COUNTRIES SHARES WILL BE MAJOR PROBLEM. BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL CEILING REVEALED WIDE RANGE OF THINKING WITH SOME SUPPORT FOR APPROXIMATELY 200 MILLION DOLLARS U.S. AND SOMEWHAT MORE SUPPORT FOR 250-300 MILLION DOLLARS. RUSSIANS SEEM TO PREFER A CEILING OF ABOUT 250 MILLION AND TO WANT AN 8-10 PERCENT INVESTMENT SHARE.
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